GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2761
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IMPORT OF AIRCRAFT COMPONENTS
SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 2893 dated August 10, 2000 and state:

(a) the date on which the Committee was constituted to consider the need of spare parts for the Indian Air Force and to identify the potential for their indigenous development;

(b) whether the Indian Air Force has taken initiative to collaborate with the Association of Indian Industries in order to include private sector industries for indigenous development, production and supply of the requisite items;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the outcome therefrom?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) The 19th January, 2000, Sir.

(b) to (d): The Indian Air Force has taken initiative to collaborate with the Confederation of Indian Industries (CII), Society of Indiar Aerospace Technology and Industries (SIATI) and Small Scale Industries (SSI) in organising indigenisation seminars in various parts of the country in order to include private sector industries for indigenous development, production & supply of requisite items. During the last 4 years, this has resulted in increasing the Vendor Base for supply of indigenous items to the Indian Air Force from a mere 151 nos. to 1250 nos. While Indian Air Force had made a dent in terms of low value/low quantum items, now, attention is turning to medium/high-tech and high volume items. This is a continuous process. As new weapons/systems are inducted, parallel action for indigenisation will also be taken.